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Indiana Honey Production Up 10 Percent

Indiana honey production for 2014 totaled 310 thousand pounds, up 10 percent from 2013. This estimate included honey from producers with 5 or more colonies. Nationally, Indiana ranked thirty-fourth in honey production in 2014. Indiana was ranked thirty-fifth in 2013. Yields from Indiana's 5,000 honey producing colonies averaged 62 pounds in 2014, compared with 47 pounds the previous year.

Indiana honey price averaged \$3.24 per pound, up 47 cents per pound from last year. Value of production totaled \$1.00 million, up 27 percent from 2013. Honey stocks were 115 thousand pounds, up 40 percent from 2013.

Nationally, honey production in 2014 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 178 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2013. There were 2.74 million colonies producing honey in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013. Yield per colony averaged 65.1 pounds, up 15 percent from the 56.6 pounds in 2013. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 41.2 million pounds on December 15, 2014, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2014 to 216.1 cents per pound, up 1 percent from 214.1 cents per pound in 2013. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2013 crop reflect honey sold in 2013 and 2014. Some 2013 crop honey was sold in 2014, which caused some revisions to the 2013 crop prices.

Honey: Production and value, Indiana, 2010-2014 ¹

Year	Honey producing colonies	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Average price per pound	Value of production	Stocks Dec. 15 ²
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
2010	10	43	430	223	959	151
2011	8	51	408	214	873	147
2012	8	59	472	254	1,199	203
2013	6	47	282	277	781	82
2014	5	62	310	324	1,004	115

¹ Includes only producers with five colonies or more.

² Stocks held by producers.

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